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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE SEIZURE SOVIET VESSEL

1. QUOTE THE SOVIET FISHING VESSEL TARAS SHEVCHENKO WAS SEIZED BY THE COAST GUARD LATE APRIL 9 ABOUT 120 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILES) S.E. OF NANTUCKET. THE VESSEL VIOLATED THE NEW U.S. TWO HUNDRED MILE FISHING LAW BY TAKING SUBSTANTIALLY MORE RIVERHERRING THAN ALLOWED BY THE REGULATIONS.

2. TARA SHEVCHENKO IS A LARGE FACTORY STERN TRAWLER WHICH WAS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN FISHING FOR HAKE. IT WAS TAKING THE RIVER HERING AS AN INCIDENTAL CATCH IN THE HAKE FISHERY.

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3. THE VESSEL WILL BE TAKEN TO BOSTON FOR PROSECUTION IN FEDERAL COURT.

4. THE SHIP'S RECORDS INDICATE THAT IT HAD CAUGHT AND PROCESSED ABOUT 50 METRIC TONS OF RIVER HERING SINCE THE FOURTH OF MARCH. IT SHOULD NOT HAVE RETAINED MORE THAN SEVEN AND AN HALF TONS.

5. THE FOLLOWING IS ON AN IF ASKED BASIS:

Q. WHAT DID THE COAST GUARD RECOMMEND IN THIS CASE?

A. THE COAST GUARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE VESSEL BE SEIZED.

Q. WHAT OTHER AGENCIES WERE CONSULTED AND WHAT WERE THEIR VIEWS?

A. THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE WERE CONSULTED. ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS CONCURRED IN A RECOMMENDATION FOR SEIZURE.

Q. WAS THE WHITE HOUSE CONSULTED?

A. YES, THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO CONCURRED IN SEIZURE OF THE VESSEL.

Q. IS THIS THE MOST SERIOUS CASE SO FAR UNDER THE NEW LAW?

A. YES, THIS CASE SEEMS MORE SERIOUS THAN THE OTHER CASES WE HAVE HAD.

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